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SUBJECT: SHAH RULES OUT OIL EMBARGO BY IRAN

REF: VIENNA 235 (NOTAL)

1. THE SHAH, IN VIENNA THIS WEEK FOR A MEDICAL CHECKUP, GAVE AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW YESTERDAY (JANUARY 13) TO VIENNA'S PROMINENT INDEPENDENT DAILY "DIE PRESSE". ACCORDING TO "DIE PRESSE" ACCOUNT THE SHAH RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS TO THE QUESTION WHETHER IRAN WOULD PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER OIL BOYCOTT: QUOTE NO, THE LAST TIME WE DID NOT PARTICIPATE (IN AN EMBARGO), BECAUSE WE DO NOT WISH TO MIX OIL AND POLITICS. I WOULD NOT WISH TO SAY THEREBY, HOWEVER, THAT THOSE WHO DID PARTICIPATE DID THE WRONG THING. WE IN ANY CASE HAVE NOT DONE IT, AND WE WILL NOT DO IT. UNQUOTE

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2. IN ANSWER TO OTHER QUESTIONS THE SHAH TERMED SITUATION

IN NEAR EAST EXPLOSIVE. HE SAID AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IS THE ATTITUDE OF ISRAEL WHICH HAD NOT FULFILLED UN RESOLUTIONS 248 AND 338 AND HAS NOT ACCEPTED THE CONCEPT OF A STEP-BY-STEP WITHDRAWAL AS SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD PROPOSED. THE SHAH SAID IRAN HAD NO INTEREST IN A CONFRONTATION IN THE NEAR EAST AND THAT NO ONE WOULD WIN IN EVENT OF AN ATOMIC WAR INCLUDING THOSE PARTIES NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED. HE SAID IRAN'S POLICY IS TO DO EVERYTHING TO BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEAR EAST.

3. DEPT. REPEAT FURTHER AS DESIRED. HUMES

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